SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 400 By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Jill Prudden and the 1995-1996 Oak Ridge High School girls' basketball team.

WHEREAS, a traditional power, the Oak Ridge High School girls' basketball team, has reached the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament, finishing runner-up; and

WHEREAS, this was the seventh straight year that Oak Ridge has reached the state tournament, having won state titles in 1988 and 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Wildcats won the regular season District 3-AAA championship, with a sparkling 14-0 record; and

WHEREAS, this tremendously talented team then won the District 3-AAA Tournament, beating Central High School 80-43 and Knoxville Karns High School 95-57; and

WHEREAS, they then won the Region 2-AAA championship, defeating Heritage High School 84-60, Maryville High School 60-51 and Bearden High School 50-47; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial substate game, Oak Ridge impressively beat Elizabethton 82-51; and

WHEREAS, in the State Tournament, the Lady Wildcats defeated Gallatin 60-57 and then nationally ranked White County 63-60; and

WHEREAS, Oak Ridge finished this memorable season with an outstanding 32-2 record, an enviable winning percentage of .941; and

WHEREAS, ably assisted by **Assistant Coach Lynn Burkey** and **Assistant Coach Rusty Sampson**, **Coach Jill Prudden** has done a brilliant job of preparing the squad for the rigors of championship play and has trained team members to be winners on the court and in life; and

WHEREAS, the unquestioned team leader was junior post/wing player **Erin McGinnis**, who was chosen TSSAA Class AAA Gill Gideon Miss Basketball, the highest honor a high school player can receive, and this season was named a member of the All-State Tournament team, Region 2 Tournament and District 3 Tournament Most Valuable Player, All-State and All-District; and

WHEREAS, the other members of the team, juniors Clintaya Mitchell, Kysha Mitchell, Leah Bird, Leah Sharp, Becky Lee, Cindy Masters, Amanda Mays and Maunea Smith; sophomores Ashlee Bullock, Whitley Campbell, Karma Ferguson and Karen Giannelli; and freshmen Brandi Long and Jennifer Wilson, are deserving of commendation for their tireless efforts on behalf of the team; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working managers were **Kim Eggert, Lori Mullins** and **Suzanne Thornton**, and the diligent statisticians were **Jennifer Parker, Amanda Sloan, Jessica Smith**and **Mary Louise Swindle**; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to salute the accomplishments of this fine team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Jill Prudden and the 1995-1996 Oak Ridge High School girls' basketball team on finishing runner-up at the TSSAA Class AAA State Tournament, thus adding to the winning school tradition.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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